

## Notices this week

### Preacher today - The Reverend Canon Sharon Connell:

We are delighted to welcome the Reverend Canon Sharon Connell, Member of the College of Canons and Chaplain at St Nicholas Hospice, to preach at the morning Eucharist today (Sunday 21 April).

**APCM - Tuesday 23 April, 6.30 pm:** This year's APCM takes place on Tuesday 23 April at 6.30 pm in the Edmund Room. Apologies for absence to Louise Martin at [apcm@stedscathedral.org](mailto:apcm@stedscathedral.org). There is also a said Solemn Eucharist for St George's Day beforehand in the Cathedral at 5.30 pm to which you are warmly invited.

**Solemn Eucharist for Mark the Evangelist - Thursday 25 April, 5.30 pm:** Do come this Thursday, 25 April, to our Red Letter Day Choral Eucharist at 5.30 pm on St Mark's Day. The homily will be given by Fr John Thackray: John is one of our Canons and is the priest at St Mary at the Elms in the centre of Ipswich - the church houses the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace which dates back to 1152.

### St Edmundsbury Cathedral is Friendly WiFi approved!:

We have been certified as a Friendly WiFi venue, showing that we are committed to providing a safe and comfortable WiFi experience for our users! This means that we are committed to offering online protection for our users, in particular children and young people.

### Vacancy at KEVI School - Teacher of Philosophy and Ethics:

King Edward VI Church of England Voluntary School is one of the oldest church schools in the country. It is also one of only two state schools attached to a cathedral. With a highly diverse and comprehensive intake, this job provides a unique opportunity for someone with a passion for excellence in the classroom and a commitment to Christian life to bring this important subject alive to young people. Such an individual could make a big difference to the lives of the children within our school (many from deprived backgrounds) and the wider Bury St Edmunds Christian community. They would be expected to teach within the context of liberal Church of England values. The school has four Foundation governors appointed by the Cathedral, including the Dean. Please visit the [KEVI School website](#) for details and to apply.

### Solemn Eucharist for Philip and James, Apostles -

**Wednesday 1 May, 5.30 pm:** Canon Dr Francis Young will be giving the homily on Wednesday 1 May at 5.30 pm. Do come to this service marking the Red Letter Day for St Philip & St James: the Choral Eucharist will be led by the St Edmundsbury Singers. Francis is one of our Lay Canons and is well known to us here with his expertise and publications on St Edmund and the Abbey, and also his recent book on Franciscans in Bury published by the Suffolk Records Society.

**Confirmations - Sunday 5 May, 10.30 am:** Please pray for those being confirmed and baptized by Bishop Martin in the Cathedral on Sunday 5 May at 10.30 am. Those from our Cathedral family (James Dillon, Jean Dillon, Kirsten Bagley, Lesley Gundersen and Naomi Sturges) will be joined by candidates from Culford School and from parishes across Suffolk.

### Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Churchwardens -

**Sunday 5 May, 3.30 pm:** We are pleased to be hosting a celebration of the ministry of churchwardens at Choral Evensong on Sunday 5 May at 3.30 pm. Churchwardens, Lay Chairs and clergy from across Suffolk will be joining the service.

**The full version of the weekly bulletin is available by email.** If you are not receiving the bulletin this way, please email Naomi (see below).

**Weekly Bulletin:** copy deadline is **12 noon every Thursday**. Send items to Naomi Sturges at [liturgy.admin@stedscathedral.org](mailto:liturgy.admin@stedscathedral.org)

# Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral



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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Sunday 21 April 2024**

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*Welcome, in the name of Jesus Christ, to the Cathedral. Whatever your background, it is good that you are here. If you are new to church, please make yourself known to the clergy or the wardens.*

**Babies and children:** Families are very welcome. There are toys and books in the corner at the back of the Cathedral - just ask a steward. Toilets and baby changing facilities are in the Cathedral Centre - ask stewards for directions. Feel free to move in and out of church during the service.

**Junior Church** normally meets each week (in term time) during the first half of the service in the Cathedral Centre. All children and young people are warmly invited to join in - follow the procession with other children during the first hymn.

**Holy Communion:** If you do not normally receive Communion, please come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing. During Communion, please keep any valuables with you.

**Gluten Free:** If anyone requires a gluten free communion wafer, please speak to a warden - before the service if possible.

**A hearing aid loop system** operates in the Cathedral.

**Photography and video:** No photos or videos by members of the public are permitted during services and events, due to Safeguarding and Data Protection. The Cathedral may use photographs, video or livestream in which you may appear, and which could be used in the public domain including social media. If you or your family do not wish to be viewed on the livestream video feed for a service at which you are present, please let a warden know before the service.

## SERVICES IN THE WEEK AHEAD

*Details of this week's services can be found on the Cathedral's website but please check as they may be subject to change.*

**Cathedral Giving:** One of the ways we express our response to God and love of the Cathedral is by committing ourselves to regular giving. This is vital to our flourishing. If you are not already in our scheme for giving, please speak with one of the wardens or stewards for more information or email [giving@stedscathedral.org](mailto:giving@stedscathedral.org).

### USUAL OPENING TIMES

#### Cathedral

Monday - Friday  
10.00 am - 5.30 pm  
Saturday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm  
Sunday 12.30 pm - 3.00 pm

#### Cathedral Shop

Monday - Saturday  
10.00 am - 5.00 pm  
Sunday 11.30 am - 4.00 pm

#### Pilgrims' Kitchen

Monday - Saturday  
9.00 am - 4.00 pm  
Sunday 10.00 am - 3.00 pm

**The Cathedral Office, Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1LS**  
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## SERVICES TODAY

- 8.00 am Holy Communion**  
Celebrant: The Canon Pastor and Sub Dean
- 9.00 am All-Ages Eucharist**  
President: The Canon Precentor
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist + Junior Church**  
President: The Dean  
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Sharon Connell,  
Chaplain, St Nicholas Hospice  
Hymns: 671, 219, 777, 507  
Voluntary: Exultate *How*
- Readers:**  
Michael Wilde *First reading*  
Valerie Wilde *Second reading*
- Intercessions:**  
Scarlett Blacker
- 3.30 pm Evening Prayer with hymns**  
Hymns: 374, 388  
Psalm: 81.8–16  
Voluntary: Paean *Whitlock*

### Collect

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Readings today

### The First Reading

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

*Acts 4.5–12, NRSV*

### The Second Reading

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*1 John 3.16–24, NRSV*

### The Gospel Reading

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

*John 10.11–18, NRSV*